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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly add the following new claims:

16. Use of a compound, a pharmaceutical composition or a prodrug according to claims 1 to 10 for the manufacture of medicaments for the inhibition of factor Xa.

17. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to a disease mediated by tryptase activity, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 through 10.

18. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to an allergic or inflammatory disease, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 through 10.

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19. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to asthma, allergic rhinitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, emphysema, viral and bacterial pulmonary infections and inflammatory responses, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis, dermatological diseases, psoriasis, conjunctivitis, inflammatory bowel diseases, peptic ulcers, cardiovascular diseases, anaphylaxis and cancer, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 through 10.

### REMARKS

Claims 16 through 19 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of those amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to examination.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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